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SUMMARY: CITING "AN INFORMED SOURCE IN LONDON," A "HONG KONG STANDARD" NEWS STORY SAYS THE UK IS LIKELY TO BAN TAIWAN'S CHINA AIRLINES FROM "LANDING IN HONG KONG" FOLLOWING TOP-LEVEL TALKS BETWEEN UK AND PRC CIVIL AVIATION "CHIEFS" IN LONDON DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST. (THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC INDICATION WE HAVE SEEN THAT THE TIMING OF THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS HAS BEEN SET. PRC MEDIA HAVE NOT MENTIONED IT.) IN HONG KONG, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE UK-PRC AVIATION TALKS. END SUMMARY

1. THE SUNDAY (JULY 28) HONG KONG STANDARD CARRIED A LONDON-DATELINED NEWS STORY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE UK IS "LIKELY TO BAN TAIWAN'S AIRLINE FROM LANDING IN HONG KONG" ACCORDING TO "AN INFORMED SOURCE IN LONDON" ON

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KONG" ACCORDING TO "AN INFORMED SOURCE IN LONDON" ON

SATURDAY. THE BAN ON TAIWAN'S CHINA AIRLINES (CAL) WOULD FOLLOW TOP-LEVEL TALKS BETWEEN BRITISH AND PRC OFFICIALS IN LONDON DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST, SAYS RANJIT PEIRIS IN HIS BY-LINED NEWS ARTICLE. LATER ON, THE ARTICLE STATES THAT UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE OFFICIALS HAVE SAID PRC CIVIL CHIEFS WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON NEXT WEEK.

2. THE ARTICLE CONTINUES: "THE SOURCE" -- PRESUMABLY THE "INFORMED SOURCE" MENTIONED EARLIER -- "SAID CHINA IS DEMANDING THE SAME CONDITIONS FROM BRITAIN AS SHE DID FROM JAPAN, SCRAPPING THE CAL OPERATIONS IF LANDING RIGHTS IN CHINA ARE TO BE GRANTED."

3. "DEPARTMENT OF TRADE OFFICIALS WERE NOT PREPARED TO

COMMENT ON THE MATTER AND SAID 'IT IS STILL TOO EARLY.' HOWEVER OFFICIALS ARE NOW WORKING OUT THE EFFECTS ON HONG KONG'S CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS IF CAL OPERATIONS IN HONG KONG ARE SCRAPPED."

4. "HONG KONG IS BEING CONSULTED ON THIS AND THE DEPARTMENT SAID 'WE WILL PERHAPS HAVE TO WAIT TILL WE CONCLUDE OUR TALKS WITH THE CHINESE BEFORE WE ARRIVE AT ANY FIRM DECISION. THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER MATTERS WHICH WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP.'"

5. "SINCE BRITAIN HAS SHOWN SO MUCH INTEREST IN SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT THERE IS EVERY LIKELIHOOD OF HER CONCEDING TO CHINA'S DEMANDS. WITH JAPAN ALREADY HAVING SEVERED ITS LINKS WITH CAL, INFORMED SOURCES SAY BRITAIN HAS A PRECEDENT TO GO ON."

6. "TRADE DEPARTMENT HAVE CLOSELY STUDIED JAPAN'S AGREEMENT WITH CHINA AND MET WITH PEKING OFFICIALS WHO WERE IN TOKYO TYING UP LOOSE ENDS IN THE DEAL."

7. "IN HONG KONG, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, MR. B. D. KEEP, DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHINA-BRITAIN TALKS."

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8. "'I WAS IN TOKYO MYSELF RECENTLY AND I KNOW THERE HAD NOT BEEN A MEETING BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE CHINA CIVIL AVIATION AND BRITISH DEPARTMENT OF TRADE,' HE SAID."

9. "HE SAID HE KNEW TALKS BETWEEN AVIATION OFFICIALS FROM CHINA AND JAPAN WERE HELD IN TOKYO RECENTLY."

10. "' BUT THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH BRITAIN'S  
LANDONG RIGHTS IN CHINA OR ANYTHING OF THAT SORT,' HE SAID."

11. THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC INDICATION WE HAVE SEEN  
THAT THE TIMING OF THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS IS SET.  
AS USUAL, PRC MEDIA HAVE MADE NO MENTION OF IT.  
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